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1. A Russian-Polish mixed commission is currently arranging the transfer of the two Russian-controlled sections of Szczecin (Stettin) to Polish hands.¹ These two sectors constitute the most valuable portion of the port and embrace about a third of the port's loading capacity. They contain the best equipment, among which is the largest storage warehouse in Poland, with a capacity of 10,000 tons. The modern grain elevator has a capacity of 40,000 tons. The Russians have promised to transfer to the Poles all of the equipment in these areas.² 25X1
2. The Czechs also have a small sector in Szczecin, consisting of part of the docks west of the Kanal Debicki. This small quay has been developed by the Czechs into the best equipped area in the entire port, with two very up-to-date stores and other equipment. The Czechs employ mostly Poles in this area, reserving the managerial and secretarial positions for their own nationals. Although no military use is made of this sector, it is well-guarded.
3. East of the Russian and Czech areas there are two large islands, Ostrow Grabowski and Ostrow Mielenski. These islands, formerly covered with little gardens, and still inhabited by a few Germans, are controlled by numerous watchtowers spread over the entire area, manned by armed guards. No activity of a commercial or military nature is taking place on these islands at present, and their ultimate destiny is uncertain.
4. The East Germans as yet have no share in the exploitation of the port of Szczecin.³ However, a German commission did visit the port, apparently to sound out this possibility.
5. The port of Szczecin is undergoing steady enlargement according to an investment plan designed to make it the largest Polish port, in order to meet the needs of increased trade with China. At present, Szczecin has a theoretical loading capacity of 125,000 tons per day. Since 1950, its capacity has been

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increased 200 percent; while expansion is going on, the ~~rate of increase~~ is not so large as to register another rise of 200 percent in the next four years.

6. The power supply for the port is provided both by the power station in the town of Szczecin and by overhead lines from outside the city. The supply is always adequate since the port is given priority on power. The current is delivered at a voltage of 380. Each quay has its own transformer. The transformers are either Polish or German make, and there are many new transformers, mounted solely by Poles. The policy is to have transformers as uniform as possible. In order to safeguard the power supply against interruption, underground generator units are now being installed as a supplementary power supply for the port. The new units are manufactured by Russia and by satellite countries, and will be ready for use within six months to one year. 25X1

7. There are no naval units stationed in Szczecin, nor are there any training schools there.

1. Comment: Russian withdrawal is in line with recent relinquishment of direct control by the USSR over a number of economic enterprises and activities in the satellites. 25X1

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3. Comment: Many Germans are employed in the port by the Poles and Czechs. 25X1

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